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### *SUNDAY, November 2, 1823.*

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Synod, the Ministers and Lay-delegates accordingly assembled in the Lutheran Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Rev. Mr. Schæffer, by appointment of the President, Dr. Kurtz, delivered the pastoral discourse, on the words of the apostle Jude, (Jude v. 3.) "*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*" A sacramental address was then delivered by the Rev. S. S. Schmucker: after which the members of the Synod and the other followers of Christ who were present, unitedly partook of the Holy Supper, in commemoration of the sufferings of "the *Lamb of God*, which taketh away the sins of the world."

In the afternoon, the Rev. S. S. Schmucker preached on the words of our Saviour, (Matth. xxiii. 8.) "*One is your Master, even Christ; and ye are all brethren.*"

At candlelight the Rev. Mr. Schnee delivered a discourse on the words: (2 Tim. ii. 8.) "*Remember that Jesus Christ, of the*

*seed of David, was raised from the dead, according to my gospel.*" After which the services of the day were closed with a hortatory address by the President, Rev. Dr. Kurtz. On Saturday evening previous, divine service had been performed by the Rev. Mr. Rothrauf.

*MONDAY, November* 3. 9 *o'clock*, A. M.

The members of the Synod having convened, the session was opened by singing a hymn, and by a solemn prayer from the Rev. President, for the presence and guidance of the Spirit of truth. The names of the Ministers belonging to this Synod were then called as follows:

Rev. D. Kurtz, D. D.
J. Herbst,
J. Grobb,
D. F. Schæffer, A. M.
G. Flohr,
F. Haas,
G. H. Riemenschneider,
M. Sackman,
A. Reck,
B. Kurtz,
N. Schmucker,
M. Meyerhœffer,
F. Heyer,
H. Græber,
J. Kœhler,
C. P. Krauth,
S. S. Schmucker, A. M.
J. Schnee,
J. Winter,
W. Keil,
F. Rothrauf.

The Rev. Messrs. Reck, Meyerhœffer, Herbst, Heyer, Græber, N. Schmucker and Keil, were unable to attend the meeting, in consequence of sickness. From Messrs. Grobb and Riemenschneider, who were likewise absent, no letters were received.

The following Gentlemen appeared, and were entitled to seats as Lay-delegates:

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| Mr. John Ebert, Esq. | | Fredericktown, Maryland. |
| John Rohrer, | | Pleasant Valley. |
| John Weis, jun. | | Hagerstown. |
| Adam Link, sen. | } | Shepherdstown. |
| George Weis, | } | |
| George Paulus, | | Middletown. |
| Daniel Strayer, | | Gerardstown. |
| Joseph Feyry, | | Williamsport. |

The Synod then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year; and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Gentlemen were elected:

P. Schaeffer [redacted]. *President.*

S. S. Schmucker, A. M *Secretary.*

B. Kurtz, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer elect, in consequence of indisposition, declined serving, and the Rev. Mr. Krauth was then elected in his stead.

The Rev. J. F. Mœller then appeared, presented his credentials as delegate from the Synod of Pennsylvania, and was cheerfully admitted to the exercise of all the privileges of a regular member.

Various communications were now laid upon the table from different churches and individuals connected with this Synod; which were regularly arranged and numbered: and the following Committees appointed to examine and report on them:

*First Committee.*

Dr. Kurtz, Rev. Kœhler, Mr. Weis, jun. to whom were given papers marked No. 1.

*Second Committee.*

Rev. B. Kurtz, Rev. C. P. Krauth, Mr. Ebert, Esq. papers marked No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

*Third Committee.*

Rev. Sackman, Rev. Winters, Mr. Paulus, papers marked No. 7, 8, 9, 10.

*Fourth Committee.*

Rev. Schnee, Rev. Mœller, Mr. Weis, sen. papers No. 11, 12.

A paper, subsequently handed in, was marked No. 13, and the Rev. Krauth appointed to report on its contents.

The minutes of the last session of this Synod were then read: after which the parochial reports for the current year were handed in.

| | *Congreg.* | *Baptized.* | *Confirm.* | *Communi.* | *Buried.* | *Schls.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rev. Dr. Kurtz, | 1 | 116 | 58 | 347 | 43 | 1 |
| J. Herbst, | 3 | 113 | 26 | 214 | 15 | 2 |
| J. Grobb, *(not reported)* | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| D. F. Schæffer, | 1 | 137 | 49 | 365 | 74 | 1 |
| G. Flohr, | — | 73 | 36 | 163 | 12 | — |
| F. Haas, | 3 | 36 | 10 | 132 | 30 | 3 |
| G. H. Riemenschneider, *(n.r.)* | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| M. Sackman, | 2 | 45 | — | 46 | 38 | — |
| A. Reck, *(not reported)* | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| B. Kurtz, | 3 | 190 | 91 | 880 | 78 | 3 |
| N. Schmucker, | 3 | 89 | 27 | 341 | 20 | 2 |
| M. Meyerhœffer, | 5 | 156 | 95 | 756 | 16 | 4 |
| F. Heyer, | 6 | 81 | — | 186 | 9 | 3 |
| H. Græber, | 3 | 69 | 46 | 865 | 28 | — |
| J. Kœhler, | 1 | 62 | — | 110 | 22 | — |
| C. P. Krauth, | 3 | 80 | 50 | 200 | 40 | — |
| S. S. Schmucker, | 3 | 41 | 17 | 140 | 19 | 1 |
| Schnee, | 4 | 152 | 91 | 362 | 38 | 2 |
| Winter, | 1 | 38 | 11 | 169 | 8 | — |
| Keil, | 3 | 53 | 26 | 225 | 5 | — |
| Rothrauf, | 3 | 52 | 69 | 316 | 44 | 1 |

N. B. In order to prevent misapprehension of the above statement of *Communicants*, it is proper to remark, that the numbers given, are the amount of the regular *communing members*, under the charge of each brother. To this, however, there are a few exceptions: in the churches of Messrs. Kœhler, Winter and Meyerhœffer the Lord's supper was administered twice during the year, in Mr. Græber's and Dr. Kurtz's thrice, and in Messrs. B. Kurtz's, Schnee's and Rothrauf's twice in one church and once in the others, and the above numbers give the amount of the communicants at all the different times, so that some members are counted twice or thrice.

The contributions from the different churches and individuals to the Treasury of the Synod, were then received as follows:

Baltimore congregation, by the Rev. Dr. Kurtz, . . $ 10 00

Individuals of the Fredericktown church, by the Rev.

D. F. Schæffer, . . . . . 13 15½

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| The churches of Rev. Flohr, Wythe County, Virginia, by Rev. Flohr, (per letter of) . . . . . | 10 00 |
| The churches of Rev. Haas, by Rev. Haas, . . . . . | 3 00 |
| The churches of Rev. Sackman, by Rev. Sackman, . | 4 00 |
| Fiery's church, by Rev. B. Kurtz, . . . . . | 9 43 |
| Funkstown church, do. . . . . | 5 32 |
| Beards church. do. . . . . | 5 75 |
| Churches of Rev. Meyerhœffer, by Rev. Meyerhœffer, (per letter of) . . . . . | 14 00 |
| Churches of Rev. Heyer, by Rev. Heyer, (per letter of) | 6 95 |
| Churches of Rev. Græber, by Rev. Græber, (per letter of) | 4 00 |
| Madison church, by Rev. Kœhler, . . . . . | 10 06¼ |
| Churches of Rev. Krauth, by Rev. Krauth, . . . . | 5 00 |
| New Market, by Rev. S. S. Schmucker, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Solomon's church (individuals of) do. . . . . | 3 00 |
| Mount Pleasant, do. . . . . | 3 00 |
| Churches of Rev. Schnee, by Rev. Schnee, . . . . | 10 00 |
| Churches of Rev. Winter, by Rev. Winter, . . . . | 5 12½ |
| Ziegler's church, by Rev. Rothrauf, . . . . . | 7 33 |
| Feiry's church, do. . . . . | 4 37½ |
| | $ 138 49¾ |

The congregations of the following brethren sent no contributions; Rev. Herbst's, Grobb's, Riemenschneider's, Reck's, Nic. Schmucker's and Keil's.

The morning session was closed with an impressive prayer by the Rev. Mr. Mœller.

## *AFTERNOON SESSION.*

The Rev. Mr. Sackman addressed the throne of grace.

The Rev. Mr. Reily, of the German Reformed Church, appeared as delegate from the General Synod of the said church, was accredited as such, and received with christian and fraternal regard. The Rev. Mr. Reily laid upon the table a number of copies of the Minutes of his Synod; whereupon it was

*Resolved:* That a similar number of copies of the Minutes of this Synod, be presented to the German Reformed General Synod,

as a testimonial of our reciprocal regard for that respectable body.

Rev. Dr. Kurtz, chairman of *the first committee*, reported: That the papers which had been committed to them, were all from the congregations of the Rev. Mr. Meyerhœffer, viz. Peaked Mountain, Union, Salem, St. John and Zion; and that their prominent contents are these: the expression of the entire satisfaction of these churches with their present pastor, the pleasing intelligence, that the cause of Christ is prospering amongst them, the parochial report, their collection for the treasury, and the statement of that fact, that indisposition is the cause of the absence of their pastor from the synodical session.

The Rev. Mr. Krauth, of *the second committee*, reported: That the papers No. 2, consisted of a letter from the Rev. Mr. Uhlhorn, in which he respectfully applies for admission into this Synod, and several approbatory credentials relative to his clerical character and extraordinary talents as a public speaker, signed by a multitude of learned and distinguished men of Germany, especially by the illustrious Dr. Dresecke.

The farther consideration of this matter was, agreeably to our constitution, referred to the Ministerium.

That No. 3, contains the diary of the Rev. Mr. Rothrauf, together with one German and one English sermon.

That No. 4, contains the petition of sundry lay-brethren of the Lutheran church in Fredericktown, couched in very evangelical terms, expressive of their warm interest in the welfare of the kingdom of Christ, and praying the Synod to recommend to their several churches, the observation of the first Wednesday of every month, as a season of fasting, humiliation and prayer, for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, and especially for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our churches. On motion, and after discussion, it was

*Resolved:* That this petition is a source of much gratification and pleasure to the members of this Synod: and it is therefore hereby recommended, that the first Wednesday of May and of September, or the evenings thereof, be observed as special seasons of humiliation and prayer, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church of Christ in general, and upon the Lutheran church in particular.

And that No. 6, is a letter from the Church-council of the church in Hagerstown, addressed to the Synod, in which they solicit the Ministers in the vicinity of Hagerstown, occasionally to officiate in their church, during the indisposition of their pastor. On motion, it was

*Resolved:* That it is hereby recommended to the Ministers of our church, resident near Hagerstown, as far as possible to comply with this request.

The Rev. Mr. Sackman, of *the third committee*, reported: No. 7, was a communication from the Rev. Mr. Heyer, containing his parochial report, stating his regret at not being able to attend the synodical meeting, in consequence of sickness, and that he had collected $ 6 95, for the synodical treasury, which he hoped, together with some addition, would be given to the widow of our deceased brother Butler, who was in most indigent circumstances. On motion, it was

*Resolved:* That the above sum, together with $ 5 00, be appropriated to the relief of Mrs. Butler.

That No. 8, contained a letter from the Rev. Mr. Græber, in which he states, that the indisposition of his family rendered it impracticable for him to attend the meeting, and encloses $ 4 00 for the treasury.

That No. 9, consists of several very interesting and pious letters from our Rev. Brother Flohr, stating that infirmity and too great distance rendered it impracticable for him to attend the meeting of the Synod, at which, for various reasons, he had felt peculiarly desirous to be present. He enclosed $ 10 00 for the treasury, together with his parochial accounts.

That No. 10, is a letter from the Rev. Mr. Herbst, containing his parochial report, and informing the Synod, that indisposition is the cause of his absence.

*Resolved:* That the above excuses of Rev. Messrs. Flohr, Heyer, Herbst, Græber, and of the Rev. N. Schmucker, who was likewise prevented by sickness from attending the session, be sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Mr. Schnee, of *the fourth committee*, reported: That No. 11, was a letter from brother Keil, stating his sickness and consequent inability to attend the present session. He sends his parochial report, prays the Synod to address a memorial to his

churches, exhorting them to give their Minister a reasonable support, and requests the renewal of his license.

*Resolved:* That the excuse of brother Keil be sustained.

The session was then closed with prayer by the Secretary.

This evening the Rev. Mr. Winter preached on Joel ii. 26—32.

*TUESDAY, November* 4. 9 *o'clock*, A. M.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Kœhler, and the consideration of the report of the fourth committee continued. No. 12, is a petition adopted at a meeting held in Baltimore, at which it was "resolved, that it is expedient and necessary to make an effort to recal those Lutherans who have left the church, and others who are wandering for the want of those doctrines and principles of church-government, which they deem compatible with the Holy Scriptures, and the practice of their forefathers; and that the Reverend Synod of our church, be requested to send several of the brethren successively to preach for the petitioners." After much discussion, it was moved and seconded:

1. That this Synod approve of the intention of our brethren in Baltimore, to establish an English Evangelical Lutheran church in that city, and sincerely wish them the divine blessing on their undertaking.

The yeas and nays being called for, were found to be as follows:

| YEAS. | NAY. |
|---|---|
| Rev. Mr. Sackman, | Rev. Mr. Haas. |
| Benj. Kurtz, | |
| Kœhler, | |
| Krauth, | |
| S. S. Schmucker, | |
| Schnee, | |
| Winter, | |
| Rothrauf, | |
| Mœller, | |
| Mr. Ebert, Esq. | |
| Rohrer, | |
| Weis, jun. | |

Mr. Link,
Paulus,
Strayer,
Feyry.

N. B. The President has a vote only in case of a tie.

The motion was therefore almost unanimously carried.

It was then furthermore

*Resolved:* 2. That any of our brethren who officiate in the English language, may visit the petitioners according to their request.

*Resolved:* 3. That under existing circumstances, it is desirable that the brethren who may visit Baltimore for the purpose above specified, to regulate their appointments as to interfere as little as possible with the service performed in the German Lutheran church; and that those, who are at this time members of the German congregation, and may attach themselves to the contemplated English church, should not, for the present, withdraw their support from said congregation.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the several amendments to our Formula of Government and Discipline, which had been proposed by the General Synod. The question was taken separately on each proposed amendment, whether it should be accepted or rejected. Considerable discussion was now entered into, relative to the manner in which the Formula could be rendered most useful to the interest of the church, and the brethren freely communicated their views relative to the wisdom and precaution which are necessary in the reduction of its principles to practice: after which the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved:* That it is the duty of our several Church-councils to introduce this Formula, as prudence and christian principles may dictate.

The Synod then resolved to adjourn till 3 o'clock, P. M. and the session was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Rothrauf.

## *AFTERNOON*, 3 *o'clock.*

The Rev. Mr. Haas addressed the throne of grace.

The publication of the Formula was taken into consideration, and the following resolutions, relative thereto, were adopted:

*Resolved:* 1. That our President, together with the Rev. Messrs. Schnee and B. Kurtz, be a committee to translate the Formula of Government and Discipline into the German language.

2. That they confer with several printers, and receive proposals for the printing of the Formula, and contract with him whose offers are most advantageous.

3. That 1000, or more, in each language, be the number of copies to be printed.

In consequence of the very dangerous indisposition of our Rev. brother Reck, he was unable to send to this Synod his report of the state of the treasury, it was therefore *Resolved:* That the Secretary and the Rev. Mr. Krauth be a committee to examine the state of the treasury, whenever circumstances may render it proper.

It was also *Resolved:* That the same committee examine the missionary journal of brother Reck, and make extracts for insertion into the minutes of the Synod.

## MISSIONARY REPORT.

From a copious and detailed journal, which has been submitted to the committee, it appears, that brother Reck left his home about the 9th of October, 1822, and entered on the mission to which he was appointed, in some of the most destitute parts of Virginia, and Pennsylvania and Maryland. The field in which he laboured, embraced the counties of Hampshire, Hardy, Pendleton, Randolph, Harrison, Preston and Monongalia, in Virginia; the counties of Greene and Fayette, in Pennsylvania; and that section of Maryland west of Cumberland. Missionating to and fro throughout this extensive territory, he spent about ninety days, preaching repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, to all who would hear him, but directing his chief attention to the lost sheep of the Lutheran fold: keeping back nothing that was profitable to them, but teaching them publicly and from house to house. He found numerous Lutherans throughout the whole of this district, and also some regularly organized Lutheran churches, but destitute of stated ministrations. Great desire was manifested by some to have the Gospel regularly preached to them. He baptized 31 children, preached 85 sermons, rode about 1006 miles, visited all the chief towns in this whole district, as well as also a vast multitude of families and individuals. Generally his audience was as large as the population and short notice could justify him in expecting, generally also they were very attentive, and on several occasions peculiarly impressed. A few extracts from the journal itself, cannot fail to interest every friend of evangelical truth.

"*October* 16*th*. Preached at the house of Mr. Wolford to about 50 persons. The parable of the ten virgins (Matth. xxv. 1—12.) was the subject of my discourse; and the softening influence of the Spirit of God was remarkably manifested upon almost all present. Here the people lamented their destitute condition in the most affecting terms, and entreated for the stated means of grace, if it were but four or six times a year, which I was constrained to promise them."

"*Friday, Nov.* 1. Rode to Franklin, the capital of Pendleton county, and preached the Lord Jesus to about 100 persons. The word was attentively heard and joyfully received. Parted from this dear people with feelings of deep interest; whilst they earnestly entreated, that they might not be forgotten in future. Passed on 7 miles to the house of Mr. Jacob Conrad, a venerable old gentleman of the German Reformed church, and formerly a member of the Legislature for many years—was very hospitably entertained by this hoary-headed sire, and baptized his grand-child."

"*Monday, Nov.* 4. Rode across the Alleghany mountain about 30 miles, supposed to be among the worst roads in the Union, being nothing but a bridle-path all the way from the mouth of the Seneca into Tiger's valley. Tarried all night with Mr. Wees, a Baptist, and was kindly treated. Tuesday morning rode 6 miles to Beverly, Randolph County, and at 12 o'clock preached to about 90 persons, in the Court-house. There was much attention, and a number were considerably affected. Was invited to the houses of several ladies, who were formerly Lutherans, but, for want of Lutheran preaching, attached themselves to the Presbyterian Church."

"*Sunday, Nov.* 10. Rode 9 miles to Clarksburg—preached, at 11 o'clock, A. M. to about 150 persons, and at candle-light again to about 250. Considerable attention was bestowed, and a few were affected under the sound of the Gospel. Visited the Rev. Mr. Smith, Presbyterian clergyman, tarried with him over night, and in the morning visited his school. At candle-light preached again to about 200 hearers, who were attentive, and some deeply impressed. This place, blessed with wealth, talent and information, equal, perhaps, to any in the Union of equal size, is destitute of churches and organized congregations; excepting about 15 or 20 persons, forming a Methodist class. Oh, how desirable is it, that a Minister of piety, of talents and of zeal, should be located among this intelligent and refined collection of immortal souls!"

"*Wednesday, Nov.* 20. Preached, at 12 o'clock, in both languages: and again at candle-light at Mr. Reinhardt's, to about 40 persons, the hearers were much moved, and wept most vehemently for their sins. Thursday morning, rode 7 miles to Mr. Stemple's, where I breakfasted, and found the family acquainted with experimental religion. At 11 o'clock, A. M. preached in both languages to about 100 hearers, the audience being deeply affected by the word of truth. I issued my last appointment in this neighbourhood, for candle-light, at the house of Mr. Hershe, a Lutheran from Hagerstown, and

formerly member of the Legislature. Although it rained all day, there were assembled about 50 hearers, and solemn indeed were the incidents of the evening! I explained the history of the Canaanitish woman (Matth. xv. 21—28.) and the Holy Ghost pierced to the heart nearly all the hearers: many wept most bitterly, and were distressed in an unusual degree. After preaching a long sermon, I took my leave of them, and they of me, when a scene occurred, similar to that at the departure of Paul from the Elders of Ephesus: (Acts xx.) for, as they approached me, they wept exceedingly, and some were ready to sink under their grief. Thus amid mutual tears, and with many good wishes and pious resolutions, we separated with the wish, and, in reference to many, the hope too, of meeting at God's right hand, where parting shall be no more! May God bless and save this dear people!"

**The brethren, encouraged by the evidences of the divine blessing, which have heretofore attended the missionary exertions of this and other Synods of our church, and regretting that more had not been done; passed the following resolution:**

***Resolved:*** **That the Rev. Messrs. B. Kurtz and Krauth be a committee to report a plan for the promotion of missionary purposes, and for the education of pious and indigent young men for the Gospel ministry.**

**The Rev. Dr. Kurtz and Mr. B. Kurtz were appointed as delegates to the next Pennsylvania Synod, to represent and advocate our interest in reference to the edition of the "Liturgie" and the legacy.**

**The late Secretary reported, that he had, during the last year, received a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the German Reformed General Synod, expressive of the friendly disposition of said body towards this Synod.**

**The Rev. Mr. Schnee was appointed to examine the minutes of the German Reformed Synod: and reported, "That the minutes acknowledge the receipt of a letter from our Secretary, and direct their Corresponding Secretary to answer said letter, by expressing the friendly disposition of said body towards us, and by stating their wish to defer the subject of a union for future and more mature consideration: and that those minutes contain the appointment of the Rev. Messrs. Helffenstein, Reily, Geiger and Boszler, as delegates to attend the present session of our Synod."**

**On motion, resolved:**

**That the Rev. Messrs. Heyer and Krauth be delegates to attend the next session of the German Reformed General Synod, to be held at Bedford, Pennsylvania.**

The committee, appointed to report a plan for the extension of our missionary operations, and for the education of pious and indigent young men for the Gospel ministry, reported: That they had taken this very important matter into serious consideration, and were of opinion, that a personal interview of the Pastor or some member of the Church-council with each of the flock, and a direct solicitation, would, for the present, be the most successful method of raising funds for these laudable purposes, which method, therefore, they would recommend to the adoption of the Synod.

The above report was accepted, and it was

*Resolved:* That it is the duty of each Minister, and of the Church-councils of our different churches, to exert themselves during the ensuing year, to obtain contributions for the above specified purposes.

It was resolved, That a Missionary be sent out to labour for three months, in such places as the President may direct.

An election was then held for the time and place of the next synodical meeting, when Middletown and the third Sunday in October, 1824, were fixed on.

The Synod having thus dispatched their business, the President concluded the synodical session with a fervent and an impressive prayer, and released the Lay-delegates from further attendance.

The brethren then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

At candle-light a discourse was delivered by Mr. Medtart, on the words of Paul: (Heb. xii. 28, 29.) *Wherefore, we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire."*

## *WEDNESDAY, November 5.*

The Ministerium met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Kurtz.

It was moved and carried, that the Rev. Schnee be ordained as pastor.

Messrs. J. Medtart and N. B. Little presented themselves for examination.

The Rev. Dr. Kurtz and Mr. B. Kurtz were appointed to examine Mr. Medtart.

The Secretary and the Rev. Krauth to examine Mr. Little.

The case of Mr. Wachter, who applied for re-admission into this Synod, was taken into consideration, and, after discussion, it was

*Resolved:* That the Synod disapprove of the conduct of Mr. Wachter, in yielding to the pressure of temporal circumstances, and relinquishing his ministerial labours. But that, as he has professed his regret, and assured us of his wish to devote himself unreservedly to the service of the sanctuary; we cheerfully re-admit him into our body.

The peculiar circumstances of the situation of the Rev. Mr. Haas were then taken into consideration, and the following resolution adopted:

*Resolved:* As the Rev. Mr. Haas is of opinion, that it would promote the interests of vital religion in the vicinity in which he resides, if a brother officiated there who is acquainted with both languages; and as he has assured the Synod of his determination to resign the charge of said churches, so soon as they have paid what is due him; that therefore our worthy President be appointed to visit and preach in these churches, and encourage them to pay their Pastor what is due him, in order that he may be enabled to carry his design into effect.

The Synod now proceeded to consider the application of the Rev. Mr. Uhlhorn, for admission into their connexion, and, after discussion, it was

*Resolved:* 1. That the Synod view with much pleasure, the very flattering testimonials which have been submitted to them, of the distinguished talents and oratorical powers of the Rev. Mr. Uhlhorn. But

2. That they cannot, at present, receive him into their body, without violating their established laws and customs; for the following reasons: the

*First* is contained in our "Ministerial Ordnung," (Chap. V. Art. 1. §. 8.) where it is expressly required, that any Ministers from Europe, who may be received into our connexions, must be Ministers sent by some European institution, &c. *at the request* or *with the consent* of our Synod, in this country. The

*Second* is a resolution which has existed for twenty years, and which was lately renewed, not to receive any Minister from Europe precipitately, nor before the lapse of three years from the time of his arrival amongst us. And the

*Third* is, because Mr. Uhlhorn was not recommended to the Synod by the Baltimore congregation, as is always customary and required.

3. That as soon as the constitutional difficulties to his admission shall have subsided, the Synod will with pleasure receive him.

4. That the Secretary answer the letter of the Rev. Mr. Uhlhorn, and inform him of these resolutions.

After some discussion, the following resolution was proposed and adopted,

*Resolved:* That the President address a letter to the congregations under the care of the Rev. Mr. Sackman, in Loudon County, and, in the name of the Synod, admonish them to exert themselves more than they have hitherto done, to give an adequate support to their Minister, and that, if this admonition be not attended to, they will probably be deprived of his services.

The Brethren, to whom were committed for examination the diaries and sermons of the different Candidates, made their reports; whereupon it was resolved, that their licenses be renewed.

The committees, who had been appointed to examine Messrs. Medtart and Little, brought in their reports; which were of a very favourable nature. These gentlemen were therefore, by a resolution of the Ministerium, received and licensed as Candidates.

The Secretary reported: That the committee, appointed by the last Synod to purchase books for the use of our indigent students, had attended to their duty.

The following are among the works purchased:

1 Copy Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History. 4 Vols.
1 Prideaux's Connexions. 4 Vols.
1 Young Minister's Companion.
2 Paley's Natural Theology.
4 Leslie's Short method with the Deists.
1 Dick on Inspiration.
1 Stuart's Letters to Channing.
1 Leland's Necessity and Advantage of Revelation. 2 Vols.
1 Edwards on Pœdobaptism.
1 Butler's Analogy.
1 Doddridge's Rise and Progress of Religion in the soul.
1 C. Mather's Essays to do good.
2 Watts' Scripture History.
2 Jones on the Trinity.

1 Erskine's Evidence.
1 Do. on Faith.
2 Dr. Lochman's History, Doctrine and Discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. And others.

The Rev. Mr. Medtart was appointed as missionary for three months, to labour in such destitute sections of our country, as the President may direct.

The Rev. Mr. Medtart having generously declined receiving any money from the Treasury of the Synod to defray his expenses, and the Synod being thus enabled to send another missionary; the Rev. Mr. Little was accordingly appointed for the same term, and under the same direction.

The brethren then united with our worthy President, and, on bended knees, addressed the mercy-seat of Christ; offering their gratitude for that measure of his gracious influence which was experienced during the meeting, commending the church and her interests to the protection and guidance of his gracious Spirit, and dedicating themselves anew to his service forever.

## *WEDNESDAY EVENING.*

*Ordination* and *Licensure.*

The Rev. Mr. Sackman preached on Acts xiv. 22. "*Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*"

The Rev. Mr. Schnee was then solemnly ordained as Pastor.

The duties and privileges of Licentiates were read to Messrs. Medtart and Little, and, after imposing on them the customary obligations, they were licensed as Candidates for one year.

The Pastor loci now addressed the audience in an interesting and impressive exhortation, presented to the citizens of the town the grateful acknowledgements of the brethren, for the distinguished hospitality with which they had been entertained during their sojourning amongst them; after which the benediction was pronounced and the audience dismissed.

*Attest,* SAM. S. SCHMUCKER,
*Secretary.*